

Dear Ms. Joseph-Taylor,

November 29, 2011

I am opposed to the pipeline development project that would extract water from valleys in Lincoln and White Pine Counties in order to service Las Vegas.

According to the November 28, 2011, edition of the New York Times, nearly a third of houses in Las Vegas are in foreclosure. Many people have left the city and lost hope that they can re-coup their housing investments. Thus it seems that Las Vegas is already suffering from excessive growth. Perhaps, rather than building more houses that, in this arid region, require more water, it would be wise to look toward taking care of the houses that already exist and striving for more sustainable growth. Why squander more water on uncontrolled growth? Las Vegas needs to learn to live within its means.

It is never a good idea to degrade one area to enhance another. Those beautiful valleys, which I have had the pleasure of visiting, should not see their water taken, their ground water decimated, and the scenic value of the region destroyed. The plants and wildlife will be affected by a lowering of the water table, which is bound to occur over time.

I think this pipeline project should be rejected, not postponed. The modern, enlightened trend is toward sustainability, not waste. The Nevada Office of State Engineers, by rejecting this project, can promote a point of view that is forward-looking, environmentally friendly, and supportive of common sense.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely yours,



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